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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/701,029	Applicant(s) GROVE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34,36-49,51-64 and 66-78 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34,36-49,51-64 and 66-78 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 34, 36-49, 51-64 and 66-78 are presented for examination; claims 1-33 are non-elected and/or withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 1-33 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 09/28/2007.

Response to Amendment/amendment

3. The amendments to claims 34, 49 and 64 in view of claim objections last office action page 2 is accepted and objections are herein withdrawn.

4. Regarding argument the reference(s) failure to disclose wherein the host fingerprint F is computed at least in part from host information C and/or the host information C that is computer processor serial and/or model number and/or hard drive serial/model number and/or MAC address, remark page 19, argument is not persuasive because these information are not claimed and “detected internal data NNNNN” of Iijima is terminal device/host information.

5. Regarding arguments on page 20, argument is moot in view of new grounds of rejection below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

7. Claim 49, and 51-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because it is directed to non-statutory subject matter as failing to fall within a statutory category and as being directed to software per se (although the preamble of claim 1 recites a "An apparatus" it does not inherently mean that the claim is directed to a machine). The specification also describes, on page 8 lines 13-page 9 lines 20 the means for retrieving, generating and transmitting as software. Therefore, claims 49, and 51-63 are software per se. See MPEP 2106.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 34-35, 38-44, 49-50, 53-59, 64-65, and 68-74 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iijima USPN 5225664 in view of Ho et al. US PG Pubs 20030143989 A1.

Regarding claims 34, 49 and 64, Iijima discloses a method/apparatus of authenticating a hardware token (*IC card 1*) for operation with a host (*terminal device 8*), comprising the steps of:

retrieving a value X (col. 4 lines 42-64; *C2X*) from a memory accessible to an authenticating entity, the value X generated from a computer fingerprint F (*internal data NNNNN*) of the host (col. 4 lines 42-50 and col. 3 lines 64-67) and an identifier P securing access to the token, wherein the host fingerprint F is computed at least in part from host information C

(col. 4 lines 42-49 and col. 4 lines 21-26; *internal data NNNNN, ... random number ... card number/SN*);

generating the identifier P at least in part from the value X and the fingerprint F (col. 4 lines 55-63 and lines 42-49; *C2 is generated by encrypting random data B using key data NNNNN*); and

transmitting the generated identifier P to the token to authenticate the token for operation with the host (col. 4 lines 64-col. 5 lines 23; *C2 is transmitted to IC card for authentication*).

Iijima fails to disclose regenerating the same identifier value P at least in part from the value X and the fingerprint F and transmitting the regenerated identifier P.

However Ho et al. discloses generating a new same identifier based on received information and comparing the new identifier with received identifier and communicating based on comparing result (see par. 26, claim 27 and fig. 3 element 320, 370, 380, and 395).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ho et al. within the system of Iijima because they are analogous in authentication. One would have been motivated to modify the teachings to provide proper access based on authentication.

Regarding claims 38, 53 and 68, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein the value X is computed in the token (col. 4 lines 42-49).

Regarding claims 39, 54 and 69, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein the value X is computed according to $X=f(P,F)$, wherein $f(P,F)$ is a reversible function such that $f(f(P,F),F)=P$

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(col. 3 lines 56-col. 4 lines 64).

Regarding claims 40, 55 and 70, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein $f(P,F)$ comprises $P \text{ XOR } F$ (col. 3 lines 56-col. 4 lines 64).

Regarding claims 41, 56 and 71, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein the value X is further computed at least in part from a user identifier U (col. 2 lines 43-62).

Regarding claims 42, 57 and 72, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein the value X is computed according to $X=f(P,U,F)$, wherein $f(P,U,F)$ is a reversible function such that $f(f(P,U,F),U,F)=P$ (col. 3 lines 56-col. 4 lines 64).

Regarding claims 43, 58 and 73, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein $f(P,U,F)$ is $P \text{ XOR } U \text{ XOR } F$ (col. 3 lines 56-col. 4 lines 64).

Regarding claims 44, 59 and 74, Iijima discloses the method/apparatus, wherein: the authorizing entity is a host computer communicatively coupleable to the token; and the value X is stored in the host computer (fig. 1 elements 1 and 8).

10. Claims 45-48, 60-63, and 75-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iijima USPN 5225664 and Ho et al. US PG Pubs 20030143989 A1 and

further in view of Miura USPN 6952775 B1.

Regarding claims 45, 60 and 75, Iijima fails to disclose hashing. However Miura discloses the method/apparatus of IC card 103 authentication (see fig. 1) and the authentication comprising hashing multiple entity's personal information (see fig. 6-7), storing the computed hash value (col. 2 lines 64-col. 3 lines 7). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Miura within the combination system to compute a hash value of value x because computing a hash value of authenticating data is well known at the time of the invention for authentication.

Regarding claims 46, 61 and 76, Miura discloses the method/apparatus of IC card 103 authentication (see fig. 1) and the authentication comprising hashing multiple entity's personal information (see fig. 6-7), storing the computed hash value (col. 2 lines 64-col. 3 lines 7). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Miura within the combination system to compute a hash value of in part from the fingerprint F; and retrieving the value X associated with the reference value H because computing a hash value of authenticating data is well known at the time of the invention for authentication.

Regarding claims 47, 62 and 77, Miura discloses the method/apparatus of IC card 103 authentication (see fig. 1) and the authentication comprising hashing multiple entity's personal information (see fig. 6-7), storing the computed hash value (col. 2 lines 64-col. 3 lines 7).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Miura within the combination system to compute a hash value of in part from the fingerprint F; and retrieving the value X associated with the reference value H because computing a hash value of authenticating data is well known at the time of the invention for authentication.

Regarding claims 48, 63 and 78, Miura discloses the method/apparatus of IC card 103 authentication (see fig. 1) and the authentication comprising hashing multiple entity's personal information (see fig. 6-7), storing the computed hash value (col. 2 lines 64-col. 3 lines 7).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Miura within the combination system to compute a hash value of in part from the fingerprint F; and retrieving the value X associated with the reference value H because computing a hash value of authenticating data is well known at the time of the invention for authentication.

11. Claims 36-37, 51-52, and 66-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iijima USPN 5225664 and Ho et al. US PG Pubs 20030143989 A1 and further in view of Ayyagari et al. 2003/0208677.

Regarding claims 36, 51 and 66, Iijima teaches wherein the host fingerprint F is computed at least in part from host information C (see col. 3 lines 56-col. 4 lines 64) but fails to disclose wherein the host fingerprint F is computed at least in part from a server specific value V. However Ayyagari et al. discloses identifier information comprising a concatenated hardware

address of the access server and a hardware address of a client. There fore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ayyagari et al. with in the combination system because they are analogous in authentication. One would have been motivated to incorporate the teachings to include the remote server within the authentication.

Regarding claims 37, 52 and 67, Iijima teaches wherein the host fingerprint F is computed at least in part from host information C and a fixed string Z (see col. 3 lines 56-col. 4 lines 64) but fails to disclose wherein the host fingerprint F is computed at least in part from a server specific value V and a fixed string Z. However Ayyagari et al. discloses identifier information comprising a concatenated hardware address of the access server and a hardware address of a client. There fore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ayyagari et al. with in the combination system because they are analogous in authentication. One would have been motivated to incorporate the teachings to include the remote server within the authentication.

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eleni A. Shiferaw whose telephone number is 571-272-3867. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser R. Moazzami can be reached on (571) 272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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